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I went to the Netherlands Embassy this morning to see Pim Van Boetzelaer. He wanted to get my estimate on the EDC situation. He believes [redacted] the French indecision is such as to make a parliamentary vote on this issue impossible unless there is a political change of attitude in France that will enable government properly to function.

I saw both Jean Monnet and Alphand in the course of the morning.

Marcel Boussac called on me this afternoon to advocate, speaking for himself only, consideration by the United States Government of dropping its support for EDC and replacing it by some scheme for German rearmament that would not entail the elimination of the French National Army. I told him I did not believe the United States Government would consider any alternative to EDC. [redacted] We had quite a long talk and he was careful to stress again that he was voicing only his own ideas to me. They appear to be [redacted] similar to those of Pierre Etienne Flandin.

E. and I left tonight from Orly on the TWA Ambassador flight for New York.

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